



Minnesota Board of **APPROVED** Behavioral Health and Therapy

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

November 19, 2010 - 12:00 p.m.

Conference Room C, Third Floor; 2829 University Avenue SE, Minneapolis, MN

Executive Session (Closed Session - Not Open to the Public)

The Board Adopted a Stipulation and Order In the Matter of Jeffrey Buikema, Applicant for Licensure as a Licensed Alcohol and Drug Counselor and Applicant for Licensure as a Licensed Professional Counselor

1. Call to Order / Roll Call – Public Session (12:18 p.m.)

Board members present: Barb Carlson, Marlae Cox-Kolek, Doug Frisk, Judi Gordon, Yvonne Hundshamer, Kristen Piper, Duane Reynolds, Judy Sherwood, Walter Roberts, Nicholas Ruiz, Bob Schmillen, and Nona Wilson

Board members absent: Freddie Davis-English

Staff members present: Kari Rechtzigel, Executive Director; Samantha Strehlo, LADC Licensing Coordinator

Others present: Ben Garbe, Assistant Attorney General; Margaret Hastings, MA, LPCC; Karen Feyo, MA, LADC, LPC; Mary Sheeran, Mayo Clinic-Rochester; Debbie Fuehrer, Mayo Clinic-Rochester; Dawn Nuss, MS, LPC

2. Approval of August 20, 2010, Board Meeting Minutes

Judi Gordon moved to approve the minutes. Barb Carlson seconded. Chair Ruiz called for a vote on the motion. All board members present voted "aye," there were no nays, and the motion to approve the minutes carried.

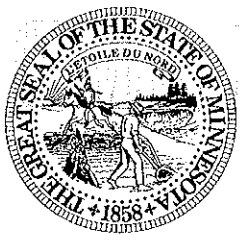
3. Staff Member Reports

A. Executive Director's Report (Kari Rechtzigel)

1. Budget and Staffing

Ms. Rechtzigel informed the board members that she hired Carly Lykes to be the new LPC/LPCC Licensing Coordinator. My Lykes will join the staff on the Monday following the Thanksgiving Holiday. Ms. Rechtzigel announced that Rep. Jim Abeler was named the Chair of the House Health and Human Services Finance Committee. She reminded the board members that Rep. Abeler has been a key supporter of past board legislation. Ms. Rechtzigel recognized Samantha Strehlo for her exceptional service to the board in the last year. Board members gave a round of applause for the efforts of the board staff. Chair Ruiz reported that he and Ms. Rechtzigel presented information on

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LPC and LPCC licensure at the Minnesota Counseling Association annual conference on November 5, 2010.

Ms. Rechtzigel provided the board members with biennial report and budget documents including a history of LPC and LPCC licensure, an agency profile, and a report of licensure and complaint resolution activities for the past two years.

- B. LADC Program Update (Samantha Strehlo)
 - 1. Licenses Issued Since Last Board Meeting
 - 2. Report on Licensure Activity
 - 3. New Database Operational

Samantha Strehlo reported on LADC program activities. She provided the board members with a document setting forth a brief history of LADC licensure in Minnesota which she prepared as a handout for the Minnesota Association of Resources for Recovery and Chemical Health (MARRCH) annual conference. Ms. Strehlo attended the conference for a day and a half.

Ms. Strehlo provided board members with a list of persons licensed since the last board meeting on August 20, 2010. See Attachment 1 to these minutes.

Ms. Strehlo reported that the new licensure database is in place for the LADC program and approximately half of the 400 or so September renewals were processed online. The database is working well, and the LPC/LPCC licensing programs will be added to the new database in December. The database will eventually provide additional online services including license verifications, address changes, and initial licensure applications.

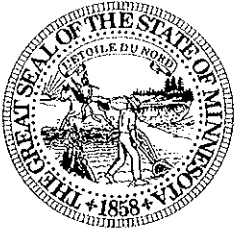
- C. LPC/LPCC Program Update (Kari Rechtzigel)
 - 1. Licenses Issued Since Last Board Meeting
 - 2. Report on Program Operations

Ms. Rechtzigel provided board members with a list of persons licensed since the last board meeting on August 20, 2010. See Attachment 2 to these minutes.

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Judi Gordon gave a report to the other board members on her participation as the board's representative to the Health Professionals Services Program (HPSP). The HPSP board meeting occurred in the last week. The following question was posed to the board: should there be a limit to

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how many times a person can participate in the HPSP program? Discussion followed. The board concluded that there should be no specific number set as to how many times a person can participate in the program.

4. Legislative Committee Report (Kari Rechtzigel, Samantha Strehlo)

A. Criminal Sexual Conduct – Add Language to LADC and LPC/LPCC Practice Acts?

Ben Garbe outlined the history of the issue for board members. The Board of Medical Practice and the Board of Chiropractic Examiners have language in their practice acts prohibiting licensure for persons convicted of certain felony-level criminal sexual conduct offenses. Walter Roberts asked if there is a down side to adopting similar language for the LPC/LPCC and LADC practice acts. Ben Garbe noted that the proposed language is protected from the Criminal Rehabilitation Act and may make the board's job easier. He stated that the BBHT can draft its own language. Chair Ruiz asked board members if they were in favor of adopting the language in spirit. All board members present voted aye; there were no nays.

B. LADC Legislation

Kari Rechtzigel summarized the events surrounding the rewrite of the LADC practice act since the language was initially approved at the November 2009 board meeting. She noted that the board compromised on the education requirements for the temporary permit when they voted at the May 2010 board meeting to phase in the bachelor's degree requirement over a four year period. The education requirements for the temporary permit will remain the same until August 1, 2015 if the legislation passes in the 2011 session.

C. Ad Hoc Committee on Tiered Licensure (9.17.2010 Meeting)

Ms. Rechtzigel provided board members with the minutes of the September 17, 2010, meeting of the committee. See Attachment 3 to these minutes. The committee will continue to gather data from permit applicants, education programs, employers, and others with regard to whether there is a need for multiple levels of licensure (e.g. associate's degree with limited scope of practice, bachelor's degree (what we currently have), master's degree). Samantha Strehlo and Judi Gordon reported that the committee is studying the issue and gathering data so the full board can make an informed decision on the matter of tiered licensure in the future.

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Chair Ruiz initiated discussion related to extending the expiration date for the conversion method to licensed professional clinical counselor (LPCC) licensure from August 1, 2011 to August 1, 2013. The LPCC license was created in 2007, the first licenses were issued in 2008, but LPCCs did not achieve full "mental health professional" status related to reimbursement for services until January of 2010. Walter Roberts moved to extend the LPCC conversion method application deadline date to August 1, 2013, and to delegate the drafting of the language to do so to the Legislative Committee. Marlae Cox-Kolek seconded. All board members present voted "aye," there were no nays, and the motion carried.

Chair Ruiz initiated discussion related to allowing LPCs and LPCCs who are required to complete graduate credits in their first four years of licensure to count credit hours completed for both the graduate credit requirement and for the requirement to complete 40 CE hours. Walter Roberts moved to approve the counting of graduate credits for both the graduate credit requirement and the 40 CE hours requirement and to delegate the drafting of the language to do so to the Legislative Committee. Duane Reynolds seconded. All board members present voted "aye," there were no nays, and the motion carried.

5. Variance Requests

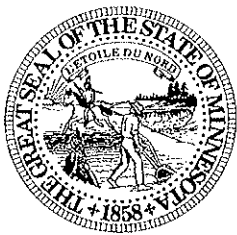
A. Teresa Eakman, MA, Applicant for Reinstatement of LPC License

Teresa Eakman requested a variance to Minn. R. 2150.0130 related to the continuing education requirements for relicensure following termination. Continuing education renewal/reinstatement requirements are also required in statute (Minnesota Statutes section 148B.54), and statutory requirements cannot be waived or varied. Therefore, Ms. Eakman's request could not be considered by the board. Judi Gordon moved to deny the request. Kristen Piper seconded. All board members present voted "aye," there were no nays, and the motion to deny the request carried.

B. Lisa Harrell, MA, LPC

Lisa Harrell requested a variance to Minn. R. 2150.2540 related to the limitation on the number of CE hours that may be completed online. A physical condition prevents Ms. Harrell from sitting or standing for long periods of time which therefore makes attending in-person CE activities very difficult. Judi Gordon moved to approve the request. Duane Reynolds seconded. Walter Roberts moved to amend the original motion to include approving the request pending receipt of a treating physician's letter confirming the medical condition hardship. All board members present voted "aye," there were no nays, and the motion to approve the request, pending receipt of a physician's letter, carried.

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C. Tracy Kaye, MA, LPCC Applicant

Ms. Kaye requested a variance to Minnesota Rules part 2150.5010, subpart 4, and requested that the board approve her supervised practice hours completed in the State of Wisconsin with non-approved supervisors to count toward the 4000 hours of post-degree supervised clinical practice required for LPCC licensure. Doug Frisk moved to approve the request. Duane Reynolds seconded. Walter Roberts abstained from voting. Kristen Piper voted nay. All other board members present voted aye, the motion carried, and the request was granted.

D. Patricia Van De Veer, MS, LPCC Applicant

Ms. Van De Veer requested a variance to Minnesota Rules part 2150.5010, subpart 4, and requested that the board approve her supervised practice hours with a non-approved supervisor. Judi Gordon moved to approve the request. Duane Reynolds seconded. Walter Roberts abstained from voting. Kristen Piper voted nay. All other board members present voted aye, the motion carried, and the request was granted.

6. Election of Board Chair and Vice Chair for 2011; Selection of Quarterly Board Meeting Dates for 2011

Judy Sherwood left the meeting at 1:32 p.m.

Doug Frisk moved to elect Nick Ruiz for board chair in 2011. Walter Roberts seconded. All board members present voted "aye," there were no nays, and the motion carried. Nick Ruiz will serve as board chair until such time as he is reappointed or a new board member is appointed.

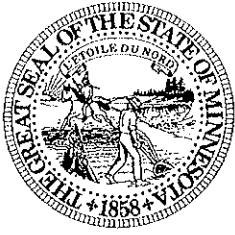
Walter Roberts moved to elect Kristen Piper for board vice chair in 2011. Doug Frisk seconded. All board members present voted "aye," there were no nays, and the motion carried. Kristen Piper will serve as board vice chair.

Board members selected the following board meeting dates for 2011 with a noon starting time: January 28, 2011; April 22, 2011; July 22, 2011; and October 28, 2011.

7. Public Comment Period

Debbie Fuehrer asked questions about converting her LPC license to the LPCC license. Ms. Rechtzigel responded to the questions.

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8. Adjournment

Doug Frisk moved to adjourn the meeting. Judi Gordon seconded. All board members present voted aye, there were no nays, and the meeting adjourned at 1:45 p.m.

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LADC Licenses Issued in August 2010

<u>Name</u>	<u>License Number</u>
Bradley Anderson	302942
David Drucker	302943
Mary Kevin Holdeman	302944
Molly Stich	302945
Rita Letsos	302946
Sherrie Klam	302947
Susan Solomon	302948
Angela Williams	302949
Katherine Cunningham	302950
Janice Miskowiec	302951
Marty Christensen	302952
Genevieve Antonello	302953
Marisa Luna	302954

LADC Licenses Issued in September 2010

<u>Name</u>	<u>License Number</u>
John Zajac	302955
Falon Kern	302956
Gregory Barnier	302957
Karen Wright	302958
Callee Nolden	302959
Kay Lisick	302960
Angel Uribe	302961
Betty Lamb	302962
DeEte Zetervall	302963
Hallie Peterson	302964
Kimberly Geislinger	302965
Melanie Knudson	302966
Natalia Lupo	302967
William Lyons	302968

LADC Licenses Issued in October 2010

<u>Name</u>	<u>License Number</u>
Anna Smith	302696
Cindy Meyer	302970
Dan Gheorghita	302971
Gina Johnston	302972
Heather Kranz	302973
Jackie Rebstock-Serbus	302974
Jessica Brown	302975
Kimberly Stanton	302976
Mary Gorman	302977
Mary Onugwe	302978
Megan Appleton	302979
Paris Getty	302980
Richard Parker	302981
Susan Arneson	302982
William Cunningham	302983
William Pentz	302984
Beverly Well	302985
Jennifer Williams	302986
Laura Mellang	302987
Melinda Broden	302988
Peter Lavanger	302989

LADC Licenses Issued in November 2010

<u>Name</u>	<u>License Number</u>
Bethany Bernhardt-Weller	302990
Carla Martinson	302991
Corey Renner	302992
Darci Lewis	302993
Hope Meehan	302994
Jane Farber	302995
Jenna Barthelemy	302996
Kenneth Jackson	302997
Mary Olson	302998
Mindy Martin	302999
Sheanne Scherber	302300
Tina Olson	303001
Tracy Rabbers	303002
Troy Heagle	303003

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LPC and LPCC Licenses Issued Since Previous Board Meeting

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	License Number	Status	License	Issued	First Name	Last Name
LICENSED PROFESSIONAL COUNSELORS:						
1	LPC00952	Active	LPC	09/01/2010	Joan-Marie	Kiefer
2	LPC00953	Active	LPC	09/01/2010	Frederick	Mann
3	LPC00954	Active	LPC	09/01/2010	Kerrie	Schwertman
4	LPC00955	Active	LPC	09/01/2010	Danielle	Krasaway
5	LPC00956	Active	LPC	09/01/2010	Kristin	Tebow
6	LPC00957	Active	LPC	09/01/2010	Macushla	Kelly
7	LPC00958	Active	LPC	09/01/2010	Melody	Richards
8	LPC00959	Active	LPC	09/01/2010	Miracle	Hoff
9	LPC00960	Active	LPC	09/01/2010	Tracy	Kaye
10	LPC00961	Active	LPC	09/01/2010	Molly	Nicholson
11	LPC00962	Active	LPC	09/01/2010	Matthew	Hoekstra
12	LPC00963	Active	LPC	10/01/2010	Todd	Caze
13	LPC00964	Active	LPC	10/01/2010	Veronica	Johnson
14	LPC00965	Active	LPC	10/01/2010	Lisa	Bard
15	LPC00966	Active	LPC	10/01/2010	Nancy	Preuit
16	LPC00967	Active	LPC	10/01/2010	Joquel	Molenaar
17	LPC00968	Active	LPC	10/01/2010	Scott	Siegersma
18	LPC00969	Active	LPC	10/01/2010	Joy	Morlock
19	LPC00970	Active	LPC	10/01/2010	Judy	Squires
20	LPC00971	Active	LPC	10/01/2010	Lisa	Smith-Inman
21	LPC00972	Active	LPC	10/01/2010	Kristin	Irwin
22	LPC00973	Active	LPC	11/01/2010	Thad	Shunkwiler
23	LPC00974	Active	LPC	11/01/2010	Jill	Carlson
24	LPC00975	Active	LPC	11/01/2010	Jordan	Johnson
25	LPC00976	Active	LPC	11/01/2010	Cassie	Sonstegard
LICENSED PROFESSIONAL CLINICAL COUNSELORS:						
1	cc00191	Active	LPCC	9/1/2010	Damaris	Perez Ramirez
2	cc00192	Active	LPCC	9/1/2010	Erica	Hedlund
3	cc00193	Active	LPCC	9/1/2010	Jenny	Schwieger
4	cc00194	Active	LPCC	9/1/2010	Debra	Miller-Rasmussen
5	cc00195	Active	LPCC	9/1/2010	Bernard	Beamon
6	cc00196	Active	LPCC	9/1/2010	Sonia	Bly
7	cc00197	Active	LPCC	9/1/2010	Brent	Baumler
8	cc00198	Active	LPCC	9/1/2010	Elle	Sachs
9	cc00199	Active	LPCC	9/1/2010	Christine	Squier
10	cc00200	Active	LPCC	9/1/2010	Shanna	Langston
11	cc00201	Active	LPCC	9/1/2010	Kara	Pilon Reil
12	cc00202	Active	LPCC	9/1/2010	Colette	Kuznia
13	cc00203	Active	LPCC	10/1/2010	Elizabeth	Cronin
14	cc00204	Active	LPCC	10/1/2010	Robin	Fate
15	cc00205	Active	LPCC	10/1/2010	Ahmed	Hassan

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16	cc00206	Active	LPCC	10/1/2010	Sharlene	Mike
17	cc00207	Active	LPCC	10/1/2010	Dory	Pohl
18	cc00208	Active	LPCC	10/1/2010	Ellen	Simonsen
19	cc00209	Active	LPCC	10/1/2010	Jill	Staloch
20	cc00210	Active	LPCC	10/1/2010	Kristen	Wylde
21	cc00211	Active	LPCC	10/1/2010	Lisa	Rinehart
22	cc00212	Active	LPCC	11/1/2010	Catherine	Cullen-Benson
23	cc00213	Active	LPCC	11/1/2010	Matthew	Fritscher
24	cc00214	Active	LPCC	11/1/2010	Kristeen	LaPlant
25	cc00215	Active	LPCC	11/1/2010	Tammy	Lisowy
26	cc00216	Active	LPCC	11/1/2010	Kathleen	Murray
27	cc00217	Active	LPCC	11/1/2010	Claudia	McGrath
28	cc00218	Active	LPCC	11/1/2010	Tammy	Peterson
29	cc00219	Active	LPCC	11/1/2010	Elizabeth	Odom
30	cc00220	Active	LPCC	11/1/2010	Shannon	Ost
31	cc00221	Active	LPCC	11/1/2010	Kimberly	Overlie
32	cc00222	Active	LPCC	11/1/2010	Erin	Rafferty-Bugher
33	cc00223	Active	LPCC	11/1/2010	Jill	Woodward
34	cc00224	Active	LPCC	11/1/2010	Karyn	Larson Smith

MINNESOTA BOARD OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AND THERAPY
AD HOC COMMITTEE TO RESEARCH TIERED ADC LICENSURE
COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

September 17, 2010; 1:00 p.m.

Conference Room C, Third Floor, 2829 University Avenue SE, Minneapolis, MN

BBHT Committee Members Present: Judi Gordon, Marlae Cox-Kolek, Bob Schmillen

Staff Present: Kari Rechtzigel, Executive Director; Samantha Strehlo, LADC Licensing Coordinator

Members of the Public Present: Dustin Chapman, Fairview; Julie Rohovit, University of Minnesota; Val Swanson, Ridgewater College; Roy Kammer, MSU-Mankato

The meeting convened at 1:05 p.m. A copy of the August 6, 2010, meeting minutes was made available to persons present.

Judi Gordon, Chair of the Ad Hoc Committee, explained the purpose of the committee. The committee was created to study the concept of tiered licensure, research the issue, and report back to the full BBHT board. The Ad Hoc Committee is NOT the decision maker.

Judi outlined a plan to study the tiered licensure concept over the next year:

1. The committee will look at requirements in other states.
2. BBHT will collect education (degree) information from temporary permit applicants.
3. Educators are requested to collect general information from students related to the degrees they already have or plan to obtain. General questions will be developed to ask students if they would pursue an associate's degree level credential with a limited scope of practice.
4. Committee members will gather information from treatment programs (employers). If an associate's level credential is created (with a limited scope of practice), would they utilize persons with that license? If so, how?

Roy Kammer noted that educational institutions need permission to gather research information from students (Institution Review Board). Discussion followed, and it was clarified that no identifying information would be requested from students so no formal approval should be necessary.

Dustin Chapman stated that Fairview agrees with the views he presented at the 8.6.2010 meeting. In his "travels" he has heard opposition to the associate's level credential; he has also heard some support for and against a master's level of licensure. A master's level of licensure may enhance reimbursement levels and enhance the credibility of the license. There may be an increase in salary for persons who hold a clinical license, but there won't necessarily be an increase in reimbursement for services provided by those licensees.

Samantha Strehlo reminded everyone that there will need to be distinct scopes of practice for each level of a tiered licensure system, including the clinical/master's degree level.

Judi Gordon noted that it is too soon for any kind of legislative proposal for a tiered licensure system in Minnesota. The committee will work on gathering the necessary information. The BBHT plans to move forward with the approved draft language to clean up the ADC practice act. The draft includes language keeping the temporary permit requirements the same for the next four years (associate's degree or equivalent, 270 clock hours of alcohol and drug counseling coursework in specified areas, and an 880 hour practicum). The permit may be renewed 3 times. There will be a four-year phase in for the bachelor's degree requirement. Judi Gordon reported that she has informed the Minnesota Association of Resources for Recovery and Chemical Health (MARRCH) Public Policy Committee that BBHT is moving forward with the legislative proposal already approved by the BBHT board members.

Julie Rohovit noted that there is a meeting of the ADC educators next Friday, September 24, 2010, at Metro State University in St. Paul. It may be helpful for BBHT staff members to attend. She stated she has heard that the National Association for Alcoholism and Drug Abuse Counselors (NAADAC) has developed a new comprehensive exam related to both counseling knowledge and skills that will be available in the near future. The exam may be taken at any time and is not limited to specific exam dates.

Val Swanson noted that some schools have changed the credit requirements for associate's and bachelor's degrees. The AA degree requirement has been reduced from 64 semester credits to 60 semester credits. The BA degree requirement has been reduced from 128 semester credits to 120 semester credits.

Judi Gordon again stated that a tiered licensure system will not be recommended if it is not needed.

Dustin Chapman stated it is Fairview's policy to only hire persons with at least a four-year degree.

Julie Rohovit reported on information she obtained at a conference she recently attended. She provided copies of draft language developed by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA)/Center for Substance Abuse Treatment (CSAT) related to categories of licensure and model scopes of practice for substance use disorder counseling. She also reported that in 2013 portions of the federal health care reform bill related to addictions counseling will be implemented. Medicare and Medicaid reimbursement and grant funding may be tied to master's level providers.

Attendees were reminded of the educator meeting on the morning of September 24 and of the MARRCH conference scheduled for October 26-28, 2010. The next Ad Hoc Committee meeting has not been scheduled. The 9.17.2010 meeting adjourned at 2:00 p.m.

